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Organizational Updates

Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week October 4 to 10

We celebrated Healthcare Foodservice Workers Week with a luncheon for our dietary team members. They go above and beyond, every day, supporting the nutritional needs of our residents, patients, and participants. In addition to their everyday work, they help with celebrations, parties, and on-site meetings. Roles on the team are diverse, with management, supervisors, cooks, servers, food truck handlers, dish/pot cleaners, and a Registered Dietitian. Some folks on the team are new employees, and some have been here for decades. On Thursday we catered a meal and dessert for them, to thank them for all they do, and to allow them time to enjoy themselves. In our CEO Adam's remarks, he mentioned the number of meals they provide (roughly 220 per meal) and they do it three times a day, 365 days a year. At each meal, they must respect each person's special diet plan. Wow! and Thank You!







Top: German Centre leadership thanked the team. Bottom: Michael, Food Service Director, thanked his team, then goofed around with Arjol, his Assistant Dir.

September Employee of the Month



Masner Plaisir, voted September Employee of the Month, was surprised when we celebrated him at Edelweiss Village's dining room. Masner is a dedicated cook, who works hard every day preparing meals, at both EV and German Centre kitchens. Masner is also the chef at most of our cookouts. He has been working at German Centre for a long time. Masner is a great leader in the kitchen, a great team member, and a great cook. He has a deep, deep voice, usually filled with laughter that you hear coming from the kitchen before you even get there. Masner has a personality as robust as his voice!

Evening Melodies
Residents Enjoy A Night Under the Stars



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Deutsches Altenheim Foundation

A New Way to Say Thank You
Introducing Our Employee Funds

At German Centre, exceptional care is built on kindness, compassion, and the meaningful connections our staff members develop with residents, patients, participants, and their families.

We often hear from families who wish to express their gratitude for someone who has made a difference in their loved one's life. With this in mind, we are pleased to introduce **three new Employee Funds, established for German Centre Home, Edelweiss Village, and Senior Place.**

These funds provide an additional opportunity for families and friends to recognize the dedicated teams who make our community so special.

In keeping with German Centre's Gift Acceptance Policy, employees are not permitted to personally accept monetary gifts, including cash, checks, or gift cards. Our Employee Funds offer a meaningful alternative for those wishing to express their appreciation through a charitable contribution.

Unrestricted gifts to our Annual Fund remain especially important. These contributions provide the flexibility to address emerging needs, enhance programs and services, and support exceptional care throughout German Centre. A gift to the Annual Fund is itself a wonderful way to honor the work of our entire team.

Whether you choose to support the Annual Fund or recognize a particular team through an Employee Fund, your generosity makes a difference.

Thank you for your continued support!

Ways to Give

- **Online:** dafboston.org/donate
- **Mobile:** Scan the QR Code
- **Phone:** Call us at 617-390-3217

Thank You for Your Support!

Employee Spotlight

Carmen Hay
from Life Enrichment Team





Carmen Hay has been working at German Centre for almost fifteen years. Her career started in housekeeping, then she joined the Life Enrichment team, where her role addresses the happiness and social aspects of our residents. Carmen is terrific at her job. She is a ball of energy that radiates to our residents. Carmen hosts events all over the campus. She helps plan and run events, transports residents to and from various activities, and she even drives the van for assisted living residents' events and appointments. When it comes to major celebrations we host at German Centre, Carmen is always on the volunteer list to help in any way she can. Carmen's residents love her and her spirit. She genuinely cares for each and every one of them. Carmen's co-workers think very highly of her and all of her contributions to German Centre.

Carmen has been happily married to Bob since 2003 (shown dancing together at right). After he retired, Bob joined the Life Enrichment team and brought his great spirit to German Centre. Carmen loves cooking and is a great cook. She makes some of Bob's favorite meals. Bob loves Spanish food, especially Spanish rice. He also loves green spaghetti (ask Carmen for her recipes).

In Loving Memory

John Bartlett, *Schrafft Pavillion*
Barry Curran, *Schrafft Pavillion, EV*
Paul Heffernan, *Edelweiss Village*
Carlos Levya, *Edelweiss Village*
Ed McKenney, *Edelweiss Village*
Joann McNally, *Schrafft Pavillion*

The German Centre family extends deepest condolences to the families and friends of these wonderful people.